



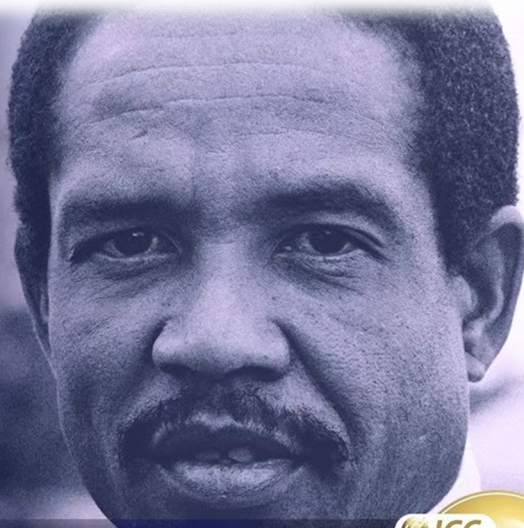
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WEST INDIES 1954 - 1974

BATTING	MATCHES	RUNS	HS	AVERAGE	50s / 100s
TEST	93	8032	365*	57.78	30 / 26
FC	383	28314	365*	54.87	121 / 86



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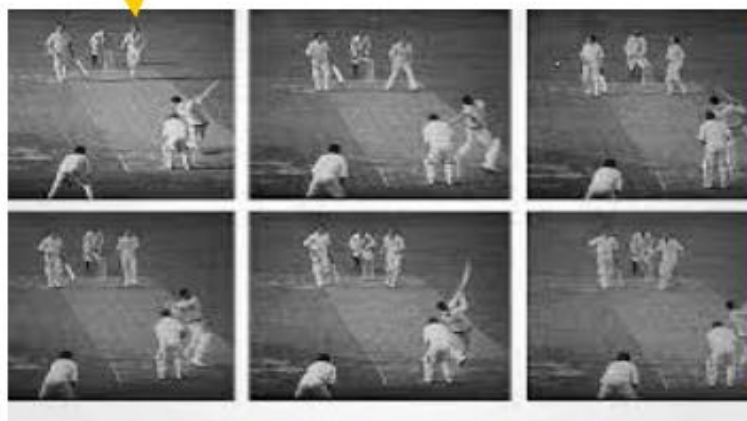
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365 Not Out

Garry Sobers goes big with his maiden Test century

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**21-YEARS 216 DAYS**  
(youngest to score a triple century)

*March 1, 1958: Garry Sobers hits 365 not out  
to set world Test batting record*

The world of cricket was stunned when a 21-year-old, slim left-handed all-rounder from West Indies converted his maiden Test century into a triple ton, scoring an unbeaten 365 runs against Pakistan at Kingston Oval in Jamaica.

A record-breaking day for 21-year-old Garry Sobers, who turned his maiden Test century into a stunning 365 not out at Sabina Park – beating by one run the previous highest score in Tests, Len Hutton's 364 against Australia in 1938. It remained a Test record until 1994, when Sobers was in Antigua to witness Brian Lara move the bar up 10 runs. Sobers batted for 10 hours and 14 minutes, and added 446 for the second wicket with Conrad Hunte, who himself made 260. West Indies ended day three on 504 for 1. With Pakistan bowlers dropping like flies – only two of them finished uninjured, and they bowled 85.2 and 54 overs apiece – West Indies went on to a mighty 790 for 3, their highest total and the fourth-highest in Test history.

Of course, they won the match by an innings + 174 runs



## SIX sixes in an Over

### Sir Garfield Sobers [1968]



The flamboyant West Indian all-rounder was the first player to achieve the feat on 31st August 1968. Sobers was playing as captain for Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan when Malcolm Nash came on to bowl.

Nash had little idea when running up to the crease that, unfortunately, the over would represent the bulk of his cricket legacy. Sobers smashed five clean hits in a row for six, but on the sixth, was caught on the boundary.

Glamorgan relief was short-lived, however, as fielder Roger Davis carried the ball over the rope, resulting in the first over to have ever been hit for six sixes and adding to the mythical nature of the achievement.



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Here we provide his write up ([espncricinfo.com on 30 Mar 2004](https://www.espncricinfo.com/story/tony-cozier-marks-the-60th-anniversary-of-garry-sobers-debut-732353)) about Gary Sobers which gives a brief and wonderful profile: "**Sobers Supreme**".

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SOBERS SUPREME

Sixty years ago today, a 17-year-old Bajan cricketer made his debut for West Indies, and went on to touch with his genius all those who saw him play for the next two decades.



Sir Garry Sobers - the Right Excellent Sir Garfield St Aubrun Sobers, to accord him his full title as a knight of the realm and the only living national hero of his native Barbados - is not the type who makes a fuss over his achievements as, in the words of the 1965 calypso, "the greatest cricketer on Earth or Mars".

If he is inclined to play down his two coincidentally simultaneous anniversaries on Sunday, he is sure to have been reminded of their significance several times in the past few days. They mark the start and the end of his celebrated Test career.

March 30 is 60 years to the day since Sobers first appeared in a Test match for West Indies, against England in 1954 in Kingston's Sabina Park. It is precisely 40 since his last, also against England, in Port-of-Spain's Queen's Park Oval in 1974.

He took the field at Sabina as a boy of 17 from the working-class district of Bayland on the outskirts of Bridgetown, raised, along with five siblings, by a mother widowed by the loss of her seaman husband to a German torpedo during World War II; her second son had no formal coaching, just a love and an aptitude for any ball game.

He was a late, like-for-like replacement for left-arm spinner Alf Valentine, who was injured; he batted at No. 9. His selection was based primarily on his unquestionable talent, obvious in only two preceding first-class matches for Barbados, against the touring Indians the year before and the Englishmen earlier on their tour. He was so anonymous that *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* listed him as H Sobers in the India scorecard.

"Not a soul was there when I walked into the dressing room, they were in the nets practising," Sobers recalls of the day he turned up in the Kingston Cricket Club pavilion for his debut Test. "You then looked around and saw the names on the team sheet - Weekes... Worrell... Walcott... Rae... Stollmeyer... Ramadhin... I said to myself: 'You've arrived, you've made it'."

A return of 28.5-9-75-4 and scores of 14 not out and 26 as England won by nine wickets verified his temperament as much as his skill. By the time he strode on the Queen's Park Oval 20 years later, also against England, for his farewell match. after 92 Tests against all five of West Indies' opponents of the day, he had certainly "made it". It was a shame, but immaterial, that there was no grand finale; he was out for 0 and 20 and collected just three wickets in the match.

He had long since become a batsman supreme, departing as Test cricket's leading scorer, with 8032 runs, at an average of 57.78. His 26 centuries had been bettered only the insatiable Don Bradman's 29. His 235 wickets in three contrasting left-arm styles were second to Lance Gibbs among West Indians. His 109 catches, snared mostly with Venus-flytrap reflexes in the slips or round the corner off Gibbs, were eight short of Colin Cowdrey's tally.

He captained West Indies in 39 matches, the most until Clive Lloyd came along to carry his formidable teams for 74.

His name remained affixed to 365 not out against Pakistan in Kingston in 1958 as the highest Test innings for 36 years until Brian Lara, a similarly gifted West Indian left-hander Sobers had mentored since he appeared in the annual, long-running International Schools tournament in Barbados that carries Sobers' name, passed it in 1994.

They are statistics that explain Sobers' widely acknowledged status as the most complete all-round cricketer of his time, indeed all time. They do not tell the whole story of his remarkable endurance.

His first 85 Tests were in succession; no one had ever had such an unbroken sequence. He is adamant that he never left the field, not once, in any of them. In addition to West Indies and Barbados, he had three stints with South Australia (where he became the first player to complete the double of 1000 runs and 50 wickets in an Australian season), with English county Nottinghamshire for seven years, and with clubs in the Lancashire League. He captained Rest of the World teams against England and Australia.

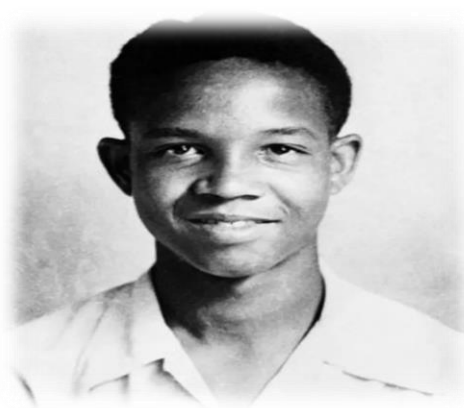
At the height of Sobers' pre-eminence in the 1966 series in England, the renowned English writer Sir Neville Cardus contended that he was "even more famous than Bradman ever was, for he is accomplished in every form of the game and has exhibited his genius in all climes and conditions".

On the Saturday of the final Test of the memorable 1960-61 "tied Test" series, the temperature at the Melbourne Cricket Ground was as roasting as it was at the recent Australian Open tennis, where some players were felled by heat stroke. It didn't stop Sobers sending down 22 consecutive eight-ball overs on the day, mostly in his quicker style - and returning for another 19 on the Monday.

Such exhausting facts are even more astonishing given his legendary enjoyment of life, a capacity I marvelled at during several nights on tour in his company. He was never concerned that it would affect his game. It was his way of relaxation. Cooped up in his room, he said, would unnecessarily get him worried about the cricket. To each his own; his justification is in the record books.

And what about keeping as fit as he did? Certainly, gym work and personal trainers were hardly known during his time.

"I used to swim a beach. I used to played cricket was tennis and Barbados at before he did at because I knew at your best for not leave the



Sobers as an 18-year-old

lot. I used to live at the play a lot of beach cricket. I every day," he said. "There other sports [he represented soccer and basketball even cricket]. I got myself fit how fit you had to be to be five days of a Test match and field."

As we marvel at the action, athleticism and all-round ability of the players in the current World T20 in Bangladesh, it is not difficult to imagine how Sobers' talent would have flourished in the abbreviated formats that came along after he had swapped the cricket field for the golf course, a place where he habitually indulges what has long been a passion. It is another sport that he has inevitably mastered.

Now 77, the passing years have generally treated him kindly. He has been technical consultant to the West Indies team and advisor to the team's sponsor. For the past

three decades, his global fame has made him the ideal ambassador for Barbados tourism, the island's economic mainstay.

The hilarity heard from the boxes at Kensington Oval, where he and several of his old mates gathered for West Indies' three T20 matches against England last month suggested a kindling of happy memories.

The memories will also feature on Sunday for those of us lucky enough to have experienced the Sobers magic during our lifetime.

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Please visit the Videos

**Gary Sobers - Cricket's Greatest**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64GpJ9cAkB4>

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# WISDEN CRICKETERS' ALMANACK

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## Important Web Links

*Following is some of the selected Web Links which would provide some more important/critical/useful information about Gary Sobers, his performance, biography and other unique features.*

Please visit these to know more him!

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- 01] <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Garfield-Sobers>
- 02] <https://www.onmanorama.com/sports/vantage-point/2022/07/31/column-garry-sobers-arguably-the-greatest-all-rounder.html>
- 03] <https://www.cricketcountry.com/articles/garry-sobers-annihilates-australia-with-a-merciless-254-21568>
- 04] <https://www.thecricketmonthly.com/story/347280/drunken-sobers>
- 05] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garfield_Sobers
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- 10] <https://www.cricketcountry.com/players/garry-sobers/>
- 11] <https://www.icc-cricket.com/rankings/mens/player-rankings/17249>
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- 17] <https://www.thecricketmonthly.com/story/1027587/the-man-who-could-do-everything>
- 18] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FeMcAuA5GM&ab_channel=Lord%27sCricketGround
- 19] https://archive.acscricket.com/famous_cricketers/42/
- 20] <https://acscricket.com/>

Awards

GARRY SOBERS CAREER STATISTICS

Test Debut

West Indies v England at Sabina Park, Kingston, March 30, 1954

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Some of the Major Awards

[A] WISDEN CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

The Wisden Cricketers of the Year are cricketers selected for the honour by the annual publication Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, based primarily on their "influence on the previous English season". The award began in 1889 with the naming of "Six Great Bowlers of the Year", and continued with the naming of "Nine Great Batsmen of the Year" in 1890 and "6 Great Wicket-Keepers" in 1891.

From 2000 to 2003 the award was made based on players' impact on cricket worldwide rather than just the preceding season in England, but the decision was reversed in 2004 with the introduction of a separate Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World award.

Sir Garfield Sobers was honoured with this Award in 1964!

[B] WETHERELL AWARD FOR THE LEADING ALL-ROUNDER

The origins of The Wetherell Award date from when out of the blue The Cricket Society was contacted by a Solicitor, Roger Cronin, who explained that his cousin, Rex Wetherell had left a substantial bequest in his Will to The Cricket Society. Rex Wetherell, a Member of The Cricket Society, who had lived abroad for some time had developed a special affinity with Cricketing-All-Rounders. He wanted The Cricket Society to utilise a complicated formula to establish annually the best All-Rounders in the previous season at different levels, ie. First Class Cricket and Schools.

Hence the advent of The Wetherell Trophy. The Trophy was designed by the leading Silversmith, Toye Kenning, whose Chief Designer was fortunately a cricket lover.

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[C] WALTER LAWRENCE TROPHY

The trophy was instituted in 1934 by Sir Walter Lawrence, a builder and cricket enthusiast from Hertfordshire, the first recipient being Frank Woolley. At this stage in its history, the criterion was the time taken to score a hundred rather than the number of balls faced. The award was made every season up to and including 1939 when Lawrence died. When first class cricket resumed in 1945 after the Second World War, Lawrence's son Guy left the presentation of the Trophy in abeyance. It was finally re-instated by Guy's son-in-law, Brian Thornton for the 1966 season. The recipient was then the player who had scored the fastest England Test century in terms of balls faced, at home or away, in the calendar year. The 1970 award was made to Geoffrey Boycott for "the most meritorious innings of the England v The Rest of the World series", but in 1971 the original version of the award was restored. Since 1985, the trophy has been decided in terms of balls faced rather than minutes spent at the crease.

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[D] WISDEN CRICKETER OF THE CENTURY

The Wisden Cricketers of the Century are five cricketers who were judged to be the most prominent players of the 20th century, as selected by a 100-member panel of cricket experts appointed by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack in 2000. The 97 men and three women on the panel were each given five votes with which to select the list. In order of votes, the five Wisden Cricketers of the Century are:

- 01] Don Bradman (100 votes)
- 02) [Garfield Sobers \(90 votes\)](#)
- 03) Jack Hobbs (30 votes)
- 04) Shane Warne (27 votes)
- 05) Viv Richards (25)

[E] WISDEN LEADING CRICKETERS OF THE WORLD

The **Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World** is an annual cricket award selected by *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*. It was established in 2004, to select the best cricketer based upon their performances anywhere in the world in the previous calendar year. A notional list of previous winners, spanning from 1900 to 2002, was published in the 2007 edition of *Wisden*.

In the 2007 edition of *Wisden*, a list of winners for previous years was published. A sixteen-person panel helped to select the winners, which Engel described as the cricketer that "would have been the first name down in the World XI to play Mars". It was decided that the first year that would be listed was 1900, as prior to that Engel claimed international cricket was too "inchoate and haphazard to make comparison sensible". No awards were made for the periods of the World Wars, leaving a list of 93 winners. During this selection, Don Bradman was listed the most, winning on ten occasions, [while Garfield Sobers was the leading cricketer eight times](#). Engel noted that despite attempts to the contrary, the award maintains cricket's bias towards batsmen

[Sir Garfield Sobers had received this accolade eight times, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968 & 1970!.](#)

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Year	Country	Name of the Awardee	Photo
2004	India	Rahul David	
2005	South Africa	Jacques Kallis	
	England	Andrew Flintoff	
2006	Australia	Ricky Ponting	
2007			
2008	West Indies	Shivnarine Chandrapaul	
2009	Australia	Mitchell Johnson	
2010	India	Sachin Tendulkar	
2011	England	Jonathan Trott	

2012	Sri Lanka	Kumar Sangakkara	
2013	Australia	Michael Clarke	
2014	Australia	Mitchell Johnson	
2015	Australia	Steve Smith	
2016	India	Ravichandran Ashwin	
2017	India	Virat Kohli	
2018			
2019	England	Ben Stokes	
2020	No award due to Covid-19 Pandemic		
2021	Pakistan	Shaheen Afridi	

Sobers' Quotes

Some selected Quotes in respect of his ideas, opinions, views, thinking, comments, and thoughts are provided here for the readers to help themselves to enjoy more!



It's good to draw spectators to the grounds, but I don't think Twenty20 will help you produce good Test cricketers.

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*Only men like Imran Khan, Kapil Dev and Ian Botham can be branded all-rounders.*

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One of the things about the six sixes, which really comes over me every time somebody asks a question or says to me, 'I've just seen them,' or people always ask me about it... It makes me feel that's the only thing I've ever done in the history of cricket.

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**My whole obligation was to West Indies cricket. As I have always said, I have never made a run for me. Records meant nothing. The team was important.**

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When I played cricket for the West Indies, I never worried. I never really watched anyone else. I had a job to do, and I tried to do it to the best of my ability.

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Until we can get people who are willing to play for West Indies in the right way, I think that we're going to be struggling for a long time.

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If you take five wickets, someone has to take the catches. If you score a hundred, someone has to be there with you. You haven't done it individually. Some contributions may be small, but they are still tangible. You have to look at it from a team point of view. When you start looking at it as an individual, then you have no team.

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If you are going to raise youngsters for Test cricket that don't have the experience, you can't stick them into T20. You've got to teach them first how to play Test cricket, and when they're good enough for Test cricket and if they want to play both formats, then they can.

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There are a plenty of shots that I have been amazed by, but a lot of these shots are played because you have worn an iron mask. Take away the protection, and let me see if they play them. Don't forget that the past players did not have any protection.

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In cricket, there is a lot of psychology in the game, especially if you are watching people who are not top-class.

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The great all-rounders were not considered part-timers in one particular department. They could turn games at any stage and on any surface.

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*I don't think cricket is a game that people who have never played or been involved in understand the excitement. It's a game that is full of excitement, because cricket lovers follow the game and understand the basic principles and rules. They become connoisseurs of the game.*

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People call me a genius. I don't know much about geniuses. But I do believe that what I achieved was not just because of the ability that I was born with but also because I worked hard.

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If I am talking to a youngster, I coach him what I feel is best for him to bowl, how to hold the ball, how to bowl certain things, and how to bowl to certain batsmen, how to position himself. I never talk to them about the rules.

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Australia is always a place that is dear to me; it is always my second home, and I try to get there as often as I can, but it is not next door, you know.

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To me, Shane Warne is a great turner of the ball. I like his aggressive attitude, I love the way he attacks batsmen, and I give him 100 per cent for that, as not enough spinners bowl with that approach, but in my estimation, Subhash Gupte was a better leg-spinner.

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T20 is good entertainment. It is a game you need. People go to watch it. You have to be careful how far you let it go.

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I have so many fond memories of the Tied Test, and I can't wait to come back to Brisbane. One thing that stands out is that both teams stayed at the same hotel. We got to know each other so well. Some of my best cricketing friends were in that Australian team.

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West Indian cricket means so much to people who live here. And when we're not doing well, we all feel it.

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In the 1950s, when we went to Lord's, you had to sit down, and it was very prim and proper. It was only in the 1960s when we started to do well that West Indians started voicing their opinions.

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I enjoyed playing any type of cricket. Didn't matter what type it was because I did not want to change my game. My game was built on one type of cricket: if there was a ball to hit, you hit it, whether it was Test matches, whatever it was.

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In the early days, when I first got into the WI team, when the WIs were playing, I would sit and watch. When you could learn from watching players like that, it was a great joy to watch them play.

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A COACH SHOULD BE A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO HELP A PLAYER MENTALLY.

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My whole obligation was to West Indies cricket. As I have always said, 'I have never made a run for me.

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When I look at someone like Andrew Symonds, I see a player who has done phenomenally well with the bat, as his record shows. He certainly has the ability to be a very good all-rounder, but I think to be a great one, you need to be able to turn a game with the bat or the ball.

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**I love India. I love to visit the country.**

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Don't worry too much on pathways programs: good players find a way to get through to play for their country.

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I only played to the best of my ability and with passion.  
Call it what you will.

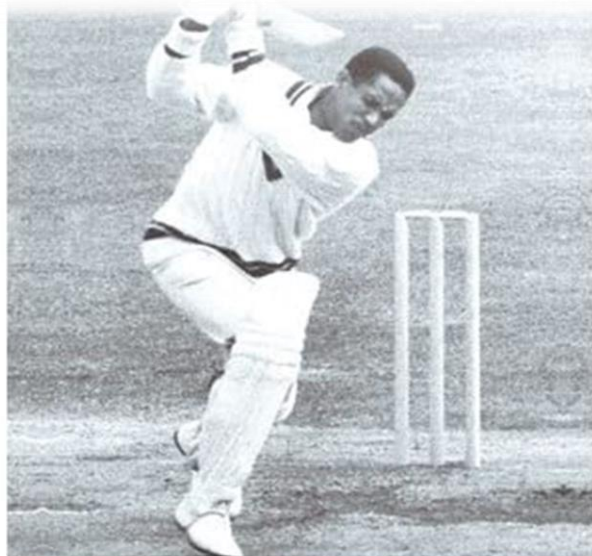
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Barbados has some of the toughest par threes in the world. Some golfers are intimidated by having to drive over ravines and water hazards.

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*I learned to bat and bowl on different pitches and knew when to go hard and when to back off. It was just something I learned.*

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SOBERS

'Bestselling quote to go in this space'

TRIBUTES TO GARRY SOBERS

<https://www.news9live.com/sports/march-1-1958-gary-sobers-hits-365-not-out-to-set-world-test-batting-record-11459.html>

The world of cricket was stunned when a 21-year-old, slim left-handed all-rounder from West Indies converted his maiden Test century into a triple ton, scoring an unbeaten 365 runs against Pakistan at Kingston Oval in Jamaica. With his triple century, Sobers broke the 20-year-old record of 364 of Sir Len Hutton set against Australia at The Oval in 1938.

One of the greatest cricketers to ever play the Gentleman's Game, Sir Garfield Sobers' legacy is well documented. A genius of the sport, who excelled in all facets of the game, Sobers was part of the West Indies team which dominated cricket in during 1950's and 1960's. Arguably the greatest all-rounder the game has produced, Sobers was elegant with the bat yet had the power game to torment any bowling attack.

He could have made into any world Test team solely as a bowler. Sobers bowled left-arm orthodox wrist spin and fast-medium. He could open the bowling, and later bowl spin, his incandescent skills fetching him 236 wickets in 93 tests. And of course, he scored 8,032 runs in those 93 "Tests at an average of 57.78! As a fielder, Sobers was one of the best of his time or any other.

Just to give an idea of his all-round abilities, in August 1973, at The Lord's against England ,Sobers scored the 26th century of his career and the last, and held six catches in the Test. In his career spanning 20 years, Sobers took West Indies to a status were most of the other sides started fearing the Caribbean Kings.

The greatest all-round cricketer that ever was
and may ever be. As a tribute on his 80th birthday
ESPNcricinfo invited his team-mates, opponents
and observers to share their memories of Garry Sobers.

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Some of them are provided for the readers to know more about Sobers!



Everton Weekes, former West Indies batsman

I have seen Garry Sobers since he was a 12-year-old boy growing up in Barbados. I had only started playing for West Indies then. Soon after that he joined us in the West Indies dressing room as a 17-year-old youngster. I remember him saying he was more nervous sitting in the dressing room than running around the field because of seeing himself sit next to the name players.

We never had to teach him anything. He taught himself. He started making runs, taking wickets and holding catches to overcome that nervousness. The only thing I once told him is when we were batting together in England. Frank Tyson, who was supposed to be the fastest bowler in the world

at the time, was bowling to Garry, who had a very high backlift. I told him to be careful otherwise Tyson could get him with a yorker. Oh yes, he survived.



Ian Chappell, former Australia captain

A lot of people thought of Sobers as a natural who just played the game and did not think a hell of a lot about what he did. But he was very thoughtful. In fact, once, Mosman, the club in Sydney, was looking for a coach and the president had dinner with him and said, "Garry, we would love to have you as a coach, but you haven't got the qualifications." Garry said to him: "What did you think I got my knighthood for?"

He helped me a lot with my batting when I was an 18-year-old kid. I said to him, "I've obviously got a bit of a problem here, Garry. Have you got any suggestions?" He said, "Go get a bottle of beer, son. And I will talk to you." He told me three things in those very early days and I did them for the rest of my career and they were a big help. He told me to take a leg-stump guard instead of middle, because I got back and across, same as him. He said also because I went back and across, I'd be better off batting just a little bit out of the crease instead of batting one foot either side of the crease. I don't remember the third thing now, but it was helpful.

There is another great story. They were playing in England and Geoff Boycott came to him one day and said, "Garry, you seem to get me out lbw a lot. I don't understand it." Garry was quite good psychologically as well. He said to Boycott, "Unlike a lot of people, Geoffrey, I don't think your technique is that good." That would have cut Boycott to the quick because he prided himself on his technique. "Your front foot is too far across. You can't get your bat around your pad and my inswinger gets you lbw. That's what is happening." They go out on the field next day. Boycott is batting. Sobers runs up, bowls the first ball, angles it across, Boycott edges, gets caught at slip. As he is walking off, Sobers says to him, "Geoffrey, you didn't ask me about the other one."



Ian McDonald, West Indian poet, columnist and novelist

Of course I remember Sobers in the field of play as the greatest cricketer who ever lived - batting touched by imagination beyond textbook; bowling full of creativity, fast or swing or slow or China man; fielding the quick-silverest of all men close to the wicket. An unmatched life force, all eyes turning to him in action, the unforgettable privilege of seeing him. But I remember him also as an overflowing fountain of life in the marrow of his being. Seizing the moment, burnishing it in the fire of his youth.

At a party with Sobers one night in the middle of a Test match at Bourda - the party seemed to have come to an end at about 3am at a friend's home. Back to the hotel now. But Sobers was restless. Someone mentioned a recently opened nightspot. "Man, nobody going to tell me a place call The Crimson Cabbage and I never pay a visit! It have a little time, le' we go take a little look!" Well, I suppose there was indeed a little time left before start of play. Life's net practice also is important. Someone can look it up, Sobers scored a big century later that day, flashing boundaries off side, on side, overhead, elsewhere not of this mortal world.



Ted Dexter, former England captain

When playing for South Australia, who had never won the Sheffield Shield, there was a player meeting before their final match. How to bowl at so-and-so? "Leave him to me," came a West Indian voice from the corner. How to play certain bowlers? "No worries, man, I get plenty of runs." Like any good pro, he obliged with a huge score, the wickets of key upper-order batsmen, oh, and a handful of catches too. "No worries, man. Leave it to me!"



Glenn Turner, former New Zealand captain

I played against Sobers quite a bit in county cricket. One occasion, where Worcestershire were playing Nottinghamshire, he picked one ball and hit it down the fielder's throat at deep-backward square leg. When we came together as a group at the fall of his wicket, Basil D'Oliveira said to us, "I'll bet you when Sobers goes past the guy that caught him on the way to the pavilion he will say, 'I didn't see you down there, maan.'" We asked the fielder and he confirmed that was exactly what Sobers said to him. He had such confidence

in himself always that he was struggling with the fact that he could get out.

When he first came to England, he did not feel the need to use the thigh pad. He used to say, "What do you have your bat for?" But after being hit in the thigh a fair number of times with the ball nipping nicely into his legs in English conditions, he put it on.

We know that Garry Sobers could do anything on the field and even off it. But these little quirky stories point out the man was just like one of us, except he could do great deeds.



Alan Davidson, former Australia allrounder

The 1960-61 series had two wonderful captains: Frank Worrell and Richie Benaud, both of whom were prepared to play cricket for cricket's sake. In that West Indies side were Rohan Kanhai, Conrad Hunte, the great Wes Hall and an emerging bloke called Lance Gibbs. But the bloke who stood out above all of them was a fellow called Sobers. Garfield Sobers. The bloke could do just about anything on a cricket field except umpire. He was a complete cricketer, magnificent fielder, bowled all types of bowling, and when in form, he absolutely decimated great bowling attacks. You could not set a field to him because he just had that innate ability to be able to score runs whenever he wanted to.

In the tied Test in Brisbane he scored a century where he just bisected the field and it was absolutely one of the greatest innings I have ever seen in my life. He didn't just beat the field. He split the field. His placement was just incredible.

In the second dig I just thought I would try something a little bit different. I eventually got him with a yorker. In the previous overs I'd bowled slow at him, varying my pace before I delivered the fast yorker, and it got through him. My emotions got the better of me; I was over-elated, because he was such a dominant batsman. When he was in form, a lot of bowlers used to give up on him. If he is hitting your best ball for a four then you know he is going to massacre you.



John Benaud, former Australia batsman

It is a fresh memory still. Sobers was lurking at backward short-leg when I was facing Intikhab Alam at the MCG against the World XI. Inti was a pretty clever leg spinner. He bowled a wrong'un to me. I thought it was a topspinner and it went sharply off the inside edge. In those days you were more likely to find someone at backward short-leg off a spinner than these days. Sobers was right in my hip pocket. It was a sharp chance. He just plucked it with his left hand, a one-handed catch low to the ground.

In the same match, he massacred the Australians with his 254. There are two lasting memories. One was Sobers square-driving a yorker from Dennis Lillee. It was a ball that should have challenged Sobers really, but he ended up driving it and the ball bounced back about 15 metres off the fence at point. Then Bob Massie with the second new ball. He bowled a late in-dipper. Sobers was preparing to let it go, but at the last minute with a flick of the wrist hit it between myself and Terry Jenner at mid-on and midwicket for a four. It was an incredible reflex response to what was a pretty good ball. He just had those incredible wrists.

We were once playing a game of golf at the Victoria Club in Melbourne. The first hole was a downhill par four. Sobers hit a 1-iron onto the green, which was just unheard of. He had that tremendous natural talent.



Farokh Engineer, former India wicketkeeper

It was at the MCG in the Australians v World XI game. Dennis Lillee had walked in to bat at No. 11. Garry told me, "Rookie, just go back a couple of steps further. I'm going to show him what fast bowling is all about." He bowled him a few bouncers in a row and next ball got a wicket. Lillee was running for cover every delivery. When we went back to the dressing room, he told Garry, "I look forward to seeing you out in the middle." Sobers said he was waiting too. He ended up scoring 254.

Garry always loved a fight. I remember, once I was batting with Clive Lloyd for Lancashire against Nottinghamshire, where Garry was playing. If I recollect correctly we used to get a bonus point when the team total got to 200. Clive and myself were hitting the old ball easily. The new ball was taken and Garry came on to bowl. We just needed one further run to get the bonus point. Garry bowled six of the most beautiful left-arm outswingers. Clive was batting, I think, in the 70s. He tried to drive, did not get a touch on a single ball.



Barry Jarman, former Australia wicketkeeper

South Australia was playing Victoria in February 1964 at the Adelaide Oval. I was talking to Victoria's wicketkeeper Ray Jordon the day before the match. It was a terribly hot day. We were having a beer. Slug, as we called Jordon, said to me, "Eh, Jar. You know what?" I said, "What?" He said, "Nah, nah. I'm not going to say it." I challenged him: "You a Victorian or a mouse?" Slug then said, "All right, I think Sobers is overrated."

Somehow Sobers found out what Slug had said. Victoria elected to bat, but we knocked 'em over for 101. Sobers got three wickets. Then he went in and made 124 and came out and got six more wickets as South Australia secured an innings-and-46-runs victory inside three days. So, Sobers beat Victoria all by himself. From then on, I'd say to Jordon, "Hey, Slug" and he would just walk away, saying, "Just leave me alone." And guess what, they docked us one day's pay for winning early!

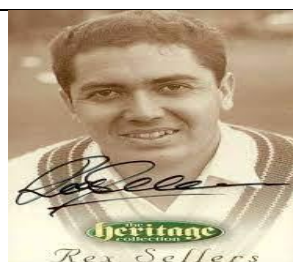
There is an interesting related story. Bill Lawry, Victoria's captain, was once making a speech at a

public function. During the question time someone asked Lawry what he thought of South Australia, who had just won the Shield. "They are a one-man team," Lawry said. Rosemary, South Australian batsman John Lill's wife, stood up and asked Lawry: "Excuse me, Mr Lawry. Am I to believe one West Indian is better than 11 Victorians?"



Vaneisa Baksh, Trinidadian writer and editor

I have a story from when I was a child. He was visiting Trinidad and came to our primary school. I must have been seven or eight. Right outside the school was a small park (near the Aranjuez Savannah) and there were nets, and the whole school assembled to watch him, and I was standing there pressed up against the chain-link wire fence and a ball came my way and hit me in the belly. And all I could think was that I had been hit in the belly by Garfield Sobers.



Rex Sellers, former Australia leg spinner

It was November 1963. I was making a return to the state side, South Australia. We went to Victoria and I had got a couple of wickets when Colin Guest came in to bat. After two balls, Garry put up his hand and signalled to me that he had moved just about a metre from the hip of Guest, whom he had observed playing some awkward glances round to the leg side. I bowled a ball the other way and Guest played the same shot, and Garry took the catch virtually off the bat.

Later that season we were playing Queensland at the Gabba. To Ken Mackay, the Queensland captain, a left-handed batsman, I had been going wide of the return crease, bowling outside his off stump to try and get an angle to hit the off stump. Mackay was tending to let go balls that were not going to hit the stumps, and those that were, he seemed to drive easily. Garry came to me during the change of overs and said, "Look, why don't you bowl from closer to the stumps? Try and hit his leg stump by bowling inside that off stump and see if you can get one through his bat and pad." You can probably guess what happened: that is exactly what happened. He was very astute.



Mark Nicholas, commentator and former Hampshire captain

He turned up at Nottingham for the first time - 1968. The players hardly saw him till practice the day before the first Gillette Cup match [against Lancashire]. He was captain. It was cold and he came down the steps of the pavilion, wandered over to the nets wrapped tight in a sheepskin coat. He shook hands with everyone, watched for ten minutes, then left.

Next morning he arrived an hour before the game. Changed, put on a couple of jumpers, stretched and went out to toss. "We're bowling, fellas," he said. He took three for not many. Then they got into trouble chasing a low score, about 50 for 3 chasing 170-odd. He strolled out against the best seam attack in the country - Higgs, Statham, Shuttleworth, Lever and Wood - and made 75 not out. Notts won with ten overs to spare. After he received the Man-of-the-Match award, he came into the dressing room and said, "Well played all you fellas, now who we got in de next round?" Mike Taylor says they all just gawped at him in awe.



Joseph "Reds" Pereira, West Indian radio commentator

Garry Sobers and Ajit Wadekar went out to toss the coin in Port-of-Spain in the 1971 [second] Test match. There were no match referees back then. Up went the toss. There was a gentleman by the name of Ken Laughlin who went close to the square and faced the crowd and hit his chest to indicate West Indies had won the toss. He always used to do that, as he was a bit of a personality.

Sobers turns to Wadekar and says, "Ajit, I'll let you know what I'm doing." Ajit tells him, "No, Garry, I won the toss. I'll tell you." Sobers, the gentleman that he was, did not want to make a big issue and told Wadekar they should go up to the dressing room. He conceded to Wadekar eventually, and West Indies ended up losing the match. So, it was a good toss for India to win, so to speak.

As a batsman, Sobers was not all attacking and dominating. In Port-of-Spain against England in 1967-68, the match seemed to be heading for a boring draw. Having elected to bat England had made 568. West Indies were forced to follow-on after making 363. They had to bat the whole final day. They seemed to be going strong till around the tea break. Suddenly West Indies were eight down for 180.

Sobers was joined by Wesley Hall. There was still a whole session to go. The men were involved in this very tense, nail-biting partnership. All you had to come was Lance Gibbs, who was not known for his skills as a batsman. But Sobers was able to jockey the bowling, take as much of the strike as possible, especially during the early part of the partnership. At this stage [David] Brown and [Jeff] Jones were bowling short and hostile from round the wicket and over the wicket. The game ended in a draw with Sobers unbeaten on 33 - probably one of the slowest innings of his life. Hall came in not out on 26. At the end of the day Hall told the journalists, "Well, I wouldn't have worried about myself. I was just worried about the young man at the other end - would he have lasted?" He evoked instant great, great laughter.



John Parkin, former Nottinghamshire batsman, and the non-striker during the six sixes

After he had hit six sixes at St Helen's in Swansea we went into the bar, where Garry was pinned into a corner by the Glamorgan committee members. All of them wanted to talk about the six sixes, but Garry did not want all that. He was not that sort of person. He told us players, "Come on, lads, let us go back to the old tavern." Garry Sobers was not interested in world records, he was just interested in playing. He did not want to make too much of a fuss about the record. He wanted to keep it simple. That to me is the greatness of the man.



Mike Procter, former South Africa allrounder

He is such a likeable guy. In 1970, in the first Test at Lord's between Rest of the World and England, he was our captain. He was just so natural. Sobers played out of his skin: he scored 180-odd and took so many wickets [eight]. I knew him from county cricket, but just to see him play like that against the best in the world, as England were then, he was unbelievable. He got wickets with seam, with spin. In the end we won.

And the best part came when at the end he just said, "Okay guys, see you at Trent Bridge." It was like nothing had happened.

At The Oval, in the final Test, on a turning pitch we needed about 20 runs chasing 200-plus [284]. I was privileged to join him at the end. He was again so natural, dealing with the bowling on a very,

very difficult wicket. He did not exaggerate his shots, just played them, knocked off the winning runs and away he went. His attitude was unbelievable.

"First there is Sir Garry Sobers, and then there are all the other great allrounders in Test cricket. Sir Don Bradman unquestionably qualifies as the best batsman ever seen in Tests, but several pundits are willing to bet that in terms of all-round match-winning ability, none has surpassed - and perhaps no one ever will - the sublime Sobers."

"Bradman himself called Sobers the **"five-in-one cricketer"**, and with good reason: apart from being an outstanding batsman and fielder, Sobers the bowler was so versatile that he could bowl three different styles - left-arm seam and swing, slow left-arm orthodox, and left-arm wrist spin. Sobers' skills with the ball allowed West Indies to often play an extra batsman - in fact, it was almost as if they were playing with 12 members in the team."

"Sobers' leading suit, though, was his ability with bat in hand. He finished with an average of almost 58, and even that doesn't do full justice to his skills. Throughout his career, Sobers never particularly bothered with trivialities like stats and numbers, which make his achievements even more remarkable. It's astonishing that even after scoring at a rate that most specialist batsmen couldn't keep pace with, Sobers still had enough talent to spare to go ahead and take 235 Test wickets at a bowling average of less than 35."



Overall Performance

Full Name:	Sir Garfield St Aubrun Sobers
Born:	28th July, 1936
Current Age:	86 years 69 days
Bats:	Left Handed
Bowls:	Left Arm Medium Fast/Left Arm Orthodox/Left Arm Wrist Spin (Chinaman)
Matches:	93 (1954-1974)

Batting:

Versus	Mat	Inns	NO	100s	50s	0s	HS	Runs	Avg	S/R	Ca Fld	Ca Kpr	St
Australia	19	38	3	4	6	1	168	1510	43.14		27	0	0
England	36	61	8	10	13	6	226	3214	60.64		40	0	0
India	18	30	7	8	7	2	198	1920	83.48		27	0	0
New Zealand	12	18	1	1	0	2	142	404	23.76		11	0	0
Pakistan	8	13	2	3	4	1	365*	984	89.45		4	0	0
Overall (5)	93	160	21	26	30	12	365*	8032	57.78		109	0	0

Innings:	<u>160</u>
Not Outs:	21
Aggregate:	8032
Highest Score:	<u>365*</u>
Average:	57.78
50s:	30
100s:	<u>26</u>
200s:	2
300s:	1
Ducks:	12
Pairs:	0
4s:	664
6s:	17
Balls Faced:	0
Scoring Rate	N/A
Opened Batting:	8
Top Scored in Innings:	30
% of Team Runs Scored:	15.52

Bowling:

Versus	Mat	O	M	R	W	5w	10w	Best	Avg	S/R	E/R
Australia	19	683.5	154	2024	51	2	0	6/73	39.69	95.98	2.48
England	36	1461.5	411	3323	102	3	0	5/41	32.58	85.99	2.27
India	18	716.5	215	1516	59	1	0	5/63	25.69	72.90	2.11
New Zealand	12	332.5	105	682	19	0	0	4/64	35.89	116.16	1.85
Pakistan	8	237.3	89	454	4	0	0	2/41	113.50	356.25	1.91
Overall (5)	93	3432.5	974	7999	235	6	0	6/73	34.04	91.91	2.22

Balls:	21599
Maidens:	974
Runs Conceded:	7999
Wickets:	235
Average:	34.04
5 Wickets in Innings:	6
10 Wickets in Match:	0
Best - Innings:	6/73
Best - Match:	8/80
None for 100	1
Economy Rate:	2.22
Strike Rate:	91.91
% of Team Wickets Taken:	15.60

Fielding		Captaincy	
Catches:	109	Matches/Won/Lost:	39/9/10
Most Catches in Innings:	4	Tosses Won:	27 (69.23%)
Most Catches in Match:	6	Chose to Field/Won/Lost:	4/1/1
		Runs Scored:	3528
		Batting Average:	58.80

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Pictures speak



ENGLAND - JUNE 12: West Indies bowler Garry Sobers in bowling action during a tour match in England circa 1966 in England, United Kingdom. (Photo by Don Morley/Allsport/Getty Images/Hulton Archive)



West Indian cricketer Garfield Sobers receives a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Barbados, by Serge February 1975. (Photo Lemoine/Getty Images)



The West Indian cricket team during their tour of England, UK, 1963. From left to right, (back row) George Duckworth, Willie Rodriguez, Seymour Nurse, Joey Carew, Charlie Griffith, Lester King, Easton McMorris, Lance Gibbs, Basil Butcher and physiotherapist William Pye; (middle row) Berkeley Gaskin (manager), Rohan Kanhai, Conrad Hunte, Frank Worrell (captain), Wes Hall, Garfield or Gary Sobers, Alf Valentine, and H. Burnett (assistant manager); front row: Deryck Murray, Joe Solomon and David Allan.
(Photo by Evening Standard/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)



Barbados born West Indies cricketer Garfield Sobers (Gary Sobers) marries Australian born Prue Kirby at a ceremony in Nottingham, England on 11th September 1969.
(Photo by Rolls Press/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA - JANUARY 25: Australian batsman Ian Chappell is out, caught by Garry Sobers of the West Indies (far right) off the bowling of Lance Gibbs for 76 during the 4th Test match between Australia and the West Indies at the Adelaide Oval on January 25th 1969 in Adelaide, Australia. (Photo by Paul Popper/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



JOHANNESBURG - MARCH 23: Sachin Tendulkar of India is presented the Man of the Series trophy by Sir Garfield Sobers after the ICC Cricket World Cup Final between India and Australia at The Wanderers, in Johannesburg, South Africa on March 23, 2003. (Photo by Michael Steele/Getty Images)



BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS - NOVEMBER 30: Former cricketer Garfield Sobers (C) attends the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony at Heroes Square on November 30, 2021 in Bridgetown, Barbados. The Prince of Wales arrived in the country ahead of its transition to a republic within the Commonwealth. This week, it formally removes Queen Elizabeth as its head of state and the current governor-general, Dame Sandra Mason, will be sworn in as president. (Photo by Jeff J Mitchell - Pool/Getty Images)



BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS - JANUARY 19 : Darren Bravo poses for a photograph in front of the Sir Garfield Sobers statue during a West Indies training session at Kensington Oval on January 19, 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados. (Photo by Philip Brown/Popperfoto via Getty Images)



LONDON, ENGLAND - JUNE 10: Sir Garfield Sobers rings the five minute bell in memory of Mohammed Ali during day two of the 3rd Investec Test match between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's Cricket Ground on June 10, 2016 in London, United Kingdom. (Photo by Matthew Lewis/Getty Images)



18th August 1970: The captain of the Rest of the World Cricket team Gary Sobers with the Guinness Trophy, after his team beat England at the Final Test match held at the Oval. (Photo by Central Press/Getty Images)



Garry Sobers of West Indies is escorted from the field by a throng of young fans on day four of the 1st Test match between England and West Indies at The Oval, London, 30th July 1973. West Indies won the match by 158 runs.
(Photo by Patrick Eagar/Popperfoto via Getty Images)



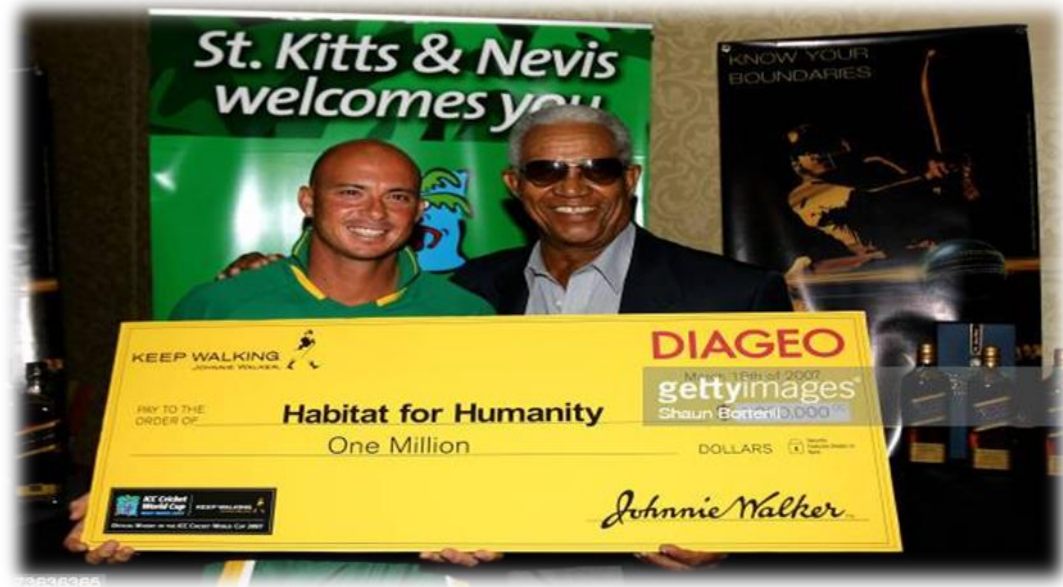
Actors Hal Frederick (seated) and Esther Anderson pose with West Indian cricketer Garfield Sobers on the set of the film Two Gentlemen Sharing, in London circa 1968.
(Photo by Paul Popper/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



West Indies players Clive Lloyd and Garry Sobers celebrate in the team dressing room after West Indies won the 1st Test match between England and West Indies by 158 runs at The Oval, London, 31st July 1973. (Photo by Ken Kelly/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



Mike Procter of Gloucestershire and South Africa (2nd left) is presented with the Reg Hayter Cup by West Indies' cricketer Garry Sobers at Edgbaston, Birmingham, July 1970. The award was introduced in 1970 for the Players' Player of the Year. Procter and Sobers were playing for Rest of the World during a five-match series against England. Also pictured are Dennis Amiss (left) and Tony Greig of England. (Photo by Ken Kelly/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



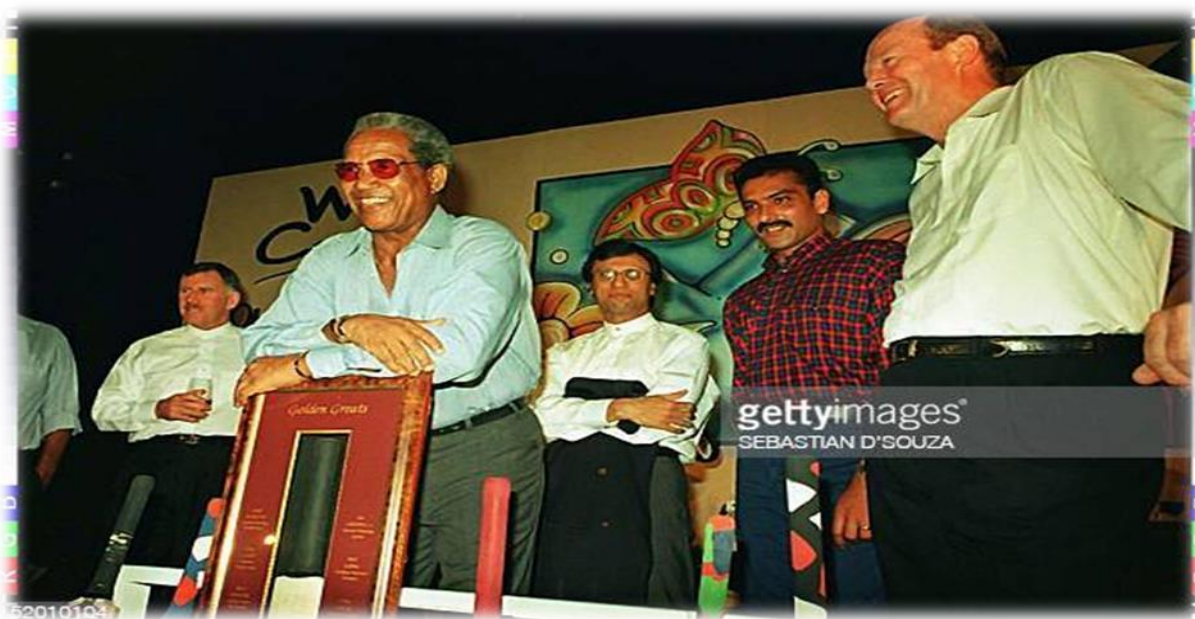
BASSETERRE, ST KITTS AND NEVIS - MARCH 19: Herschelle Gibbs of South Africa talks to the media before receives a million dollar cheque for charity from Sir Garfield Sobers after hitting six sixes in one over against the Netherlands during a Press Conference and Cheque Presentation at The St Kitts and Nevis Marriot Resort on March 19, 2007 in Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis. (Photo by Shaun Botterill/Getty Images)



Former West Indies cricketer Sir Garfield Sobers during a round of golf with Peter Alliss at Steenberg Golf Club, Cape Town, South Africa, in 1996. (Photo by Patrick Eagar/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



England cricket captain Colin Cowdrey (left) and his West Indies counterpart Gary Sobers (right) meeting the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr Eric Williams,
at a cocktail party at the Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 18th 1968.
(Photo by Central Press/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)



BOMBAY, INDIA - MAY 17: Cricketing greats Ian Chappell (far left), Sir Gary Sobers (leaning on plaque), Asif Iqbal (centre back), Ravi Shastri (2nd right) and Tony Greig at a cricket memorabilia auction in a hotel in south Bombay on 16 May. The proceeds of the auction, which fetched US\$1857 for the memorabilia and US\$3571 for a signed bat, went to the Akanksha foundation which works for the street and slum children in Bombay.
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Wife, Sobers & Son



Sir Garfield Sobers and Muhammad Ali in the Lords cricket ground dressing room circa 1966.



22 Jul 1998: Sir Garfield Sobers opens the new Radcliffe Road Stand before the Fourth Test match between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, England.



West Indies cricket chairman of selectors, Clive Lloyd (R) speaks with West Indian cricket legend Sir Garfield Sobers during a West Indies practice session at the P. Sara Oval Cricket Stadium in Colombo on October 21, 2015, ahead of the second Test match against Sri Lanka on October 22.
(Photo credit should read Ishara S.KODIKARA/AFP via Getty Images)



Sir Garfield Sobers (L) and Rihanna Fenty (R) the only two living Barbados National Heroes during the National Honors ceremony and Independence Day Parade at Golden Square Freedom Park in Bridgetown, Barbados, on November 30, 2021.

(Photo by Randy Brooks / AFP) (Photo by RANDY BROOKS/AFP via Getty Images)



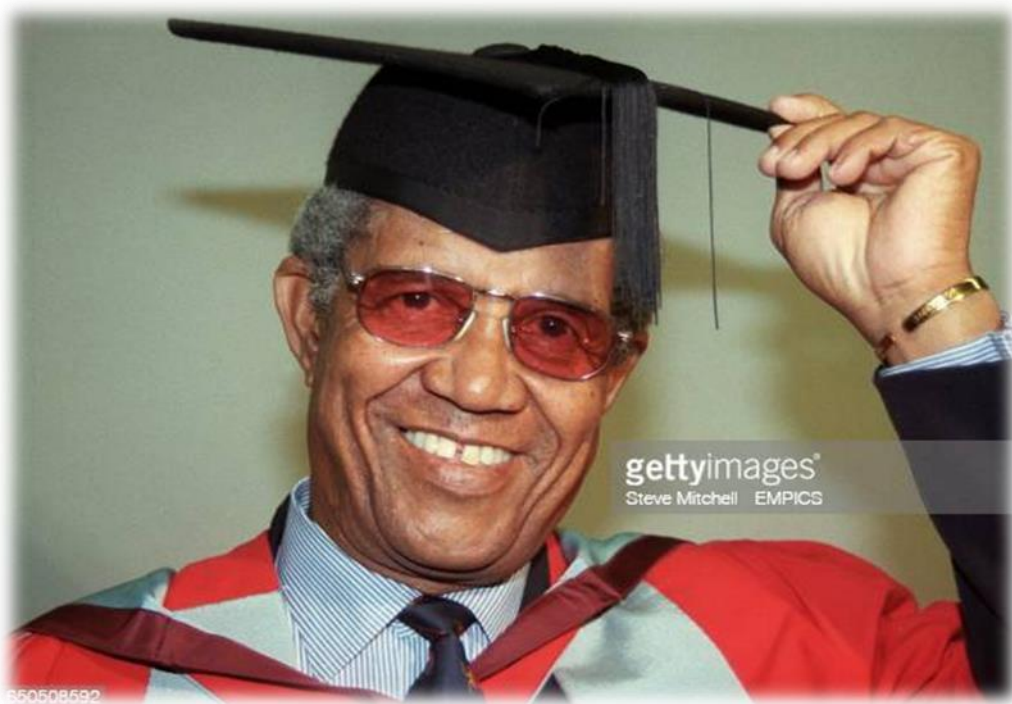
West Indies' Garfield Sobers (l) takes a single off the last ball of the day to complete his century
(Photo by S&G/PA Images via Getty Images)



Sir Garfield Sobers, former West Indies cricketer, umpires a charity match between the Lord's Taveners and the Penn Street XI on the Nursery ground at Lord's cricket ground, London on 27th June 1994.
(Photo by David Munden/Popperfoto via Getty Images/Getty Images)



Apr 1990: Portrait of Sir Garfield Sobers of the West Indies on the beach in Barbados. \ (Mandatory Credit: Adrian Murrell/Allsport)



Sir Gary Sobers receives his Honorary Degree of Doctor Of Laws at
The University Of Nottingham
(Photo by Steve Mitchell/EMPICS via Getty Images)



West Indies captain Gary Sobers (r) talks to Queen Elizabeth II (l) before
the start of the second day's play at Lord's
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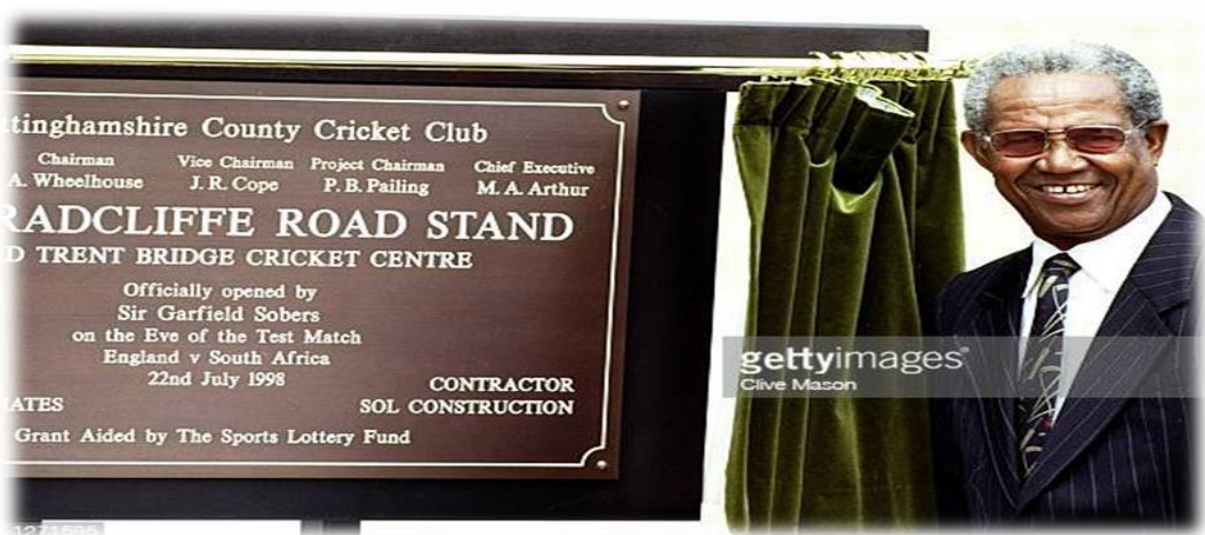
Sri Lankan cricket captain Angelo Mathews (R) West Indian cricket legend Garfield Sobers (L) and former Sri Lanka cricket captain Michael Tissera (C) hold up the Sobers/Tissera Trophy after Sri Lanka's victory in the Test match series between Sri Lanka and the West Indies at The P. Sara Oval Cricket Stadium in Colombo on October 26, 2015. Sri Lanka defeated the West Indies by 72 runs in the second and final Test in Colombo to sweep the series 2-0. (Photo credit should read Ishara S.KODIKARA/AFP via Getty Images)



West Indian batsmen Brian Lara is congratulated by Sir Garfield Sobers after beating his record of 365 runs at the recreation ground, St Johns, Antigua. (Photo by Rebecca Naden - PA Images/PA Images via Getty Images)

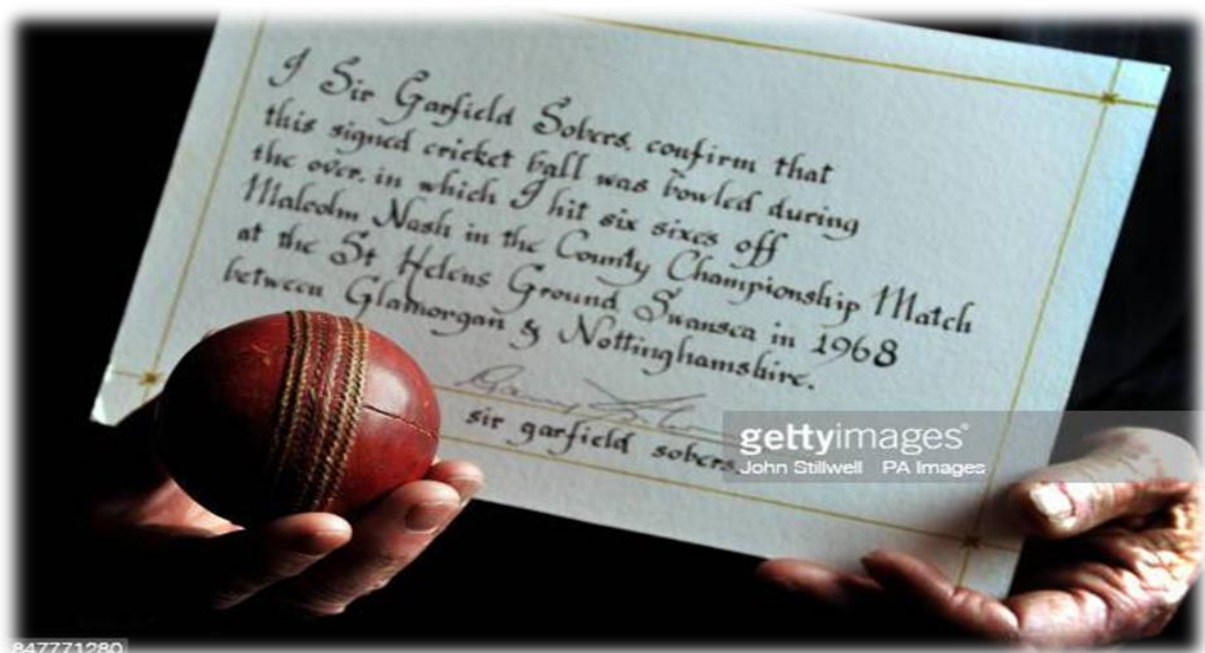


HRH Queen Elizabeth II (l) is introduced to West Indies' Gary Sobers (c) before the start of the first day's play at Lord's.
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The ball Sir Garfield (Gary) Sobers hit six sixes off one over in 1968, which goes under the Hammer for an estimated price of & pound;20,000- & pound;25,000,

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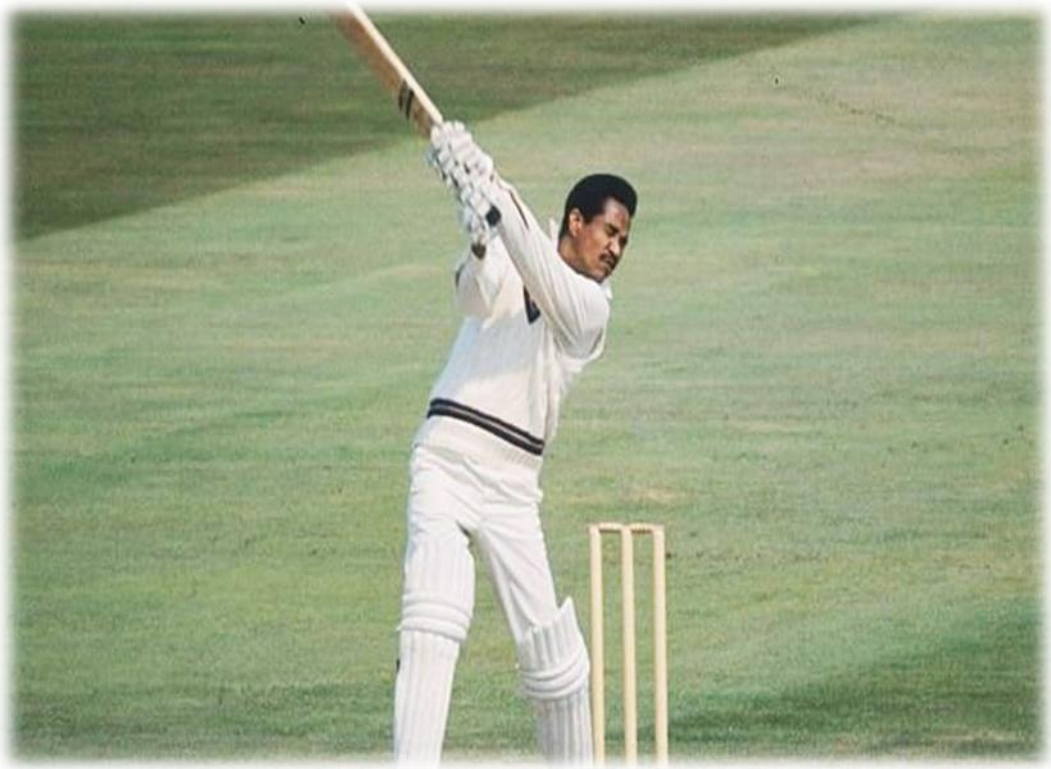
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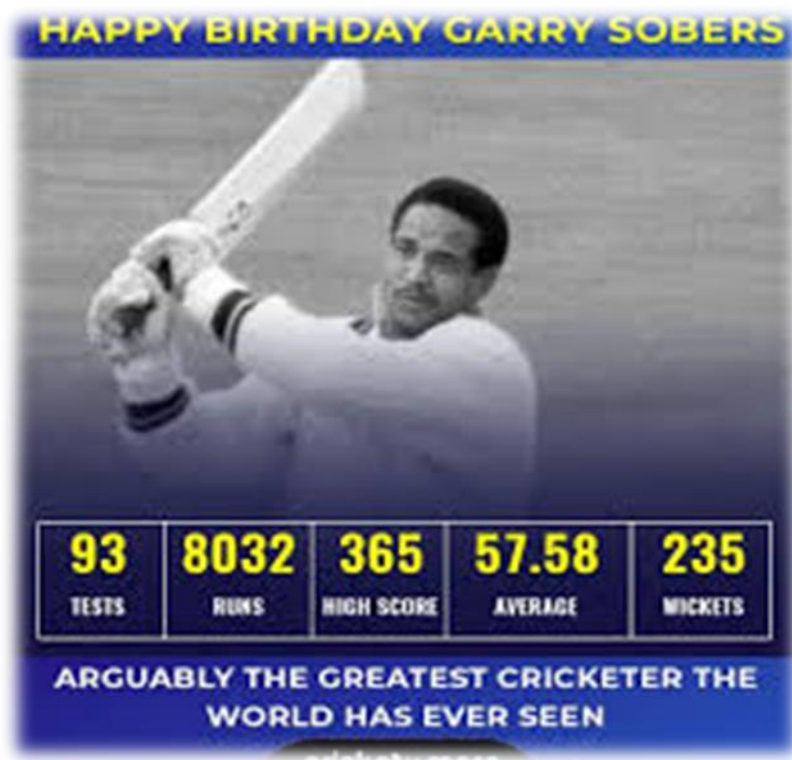
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MUMBAI, INDIA - MARCH 4, 2010: Sachin Tendulkar is felicitated by Aji Wadkar as Srinivas Venkataraghavan and Sir Garry - Garfield Sobers look on at the Nehru Science Center, Worli, on Thursday.

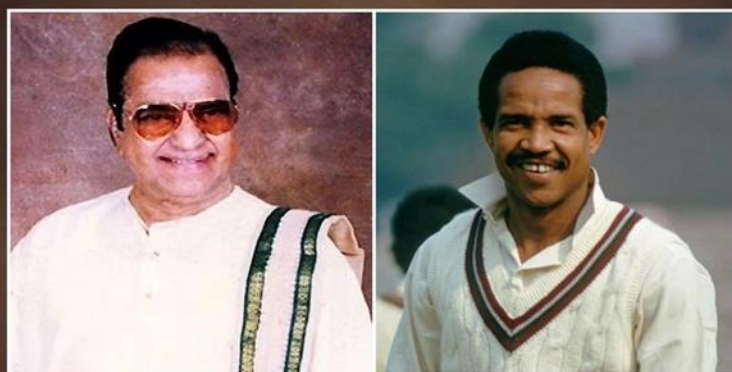
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Garry Sobers got out on duck in his career's only ODI match.



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SR NTR WITH SIR GARRY SOBERS

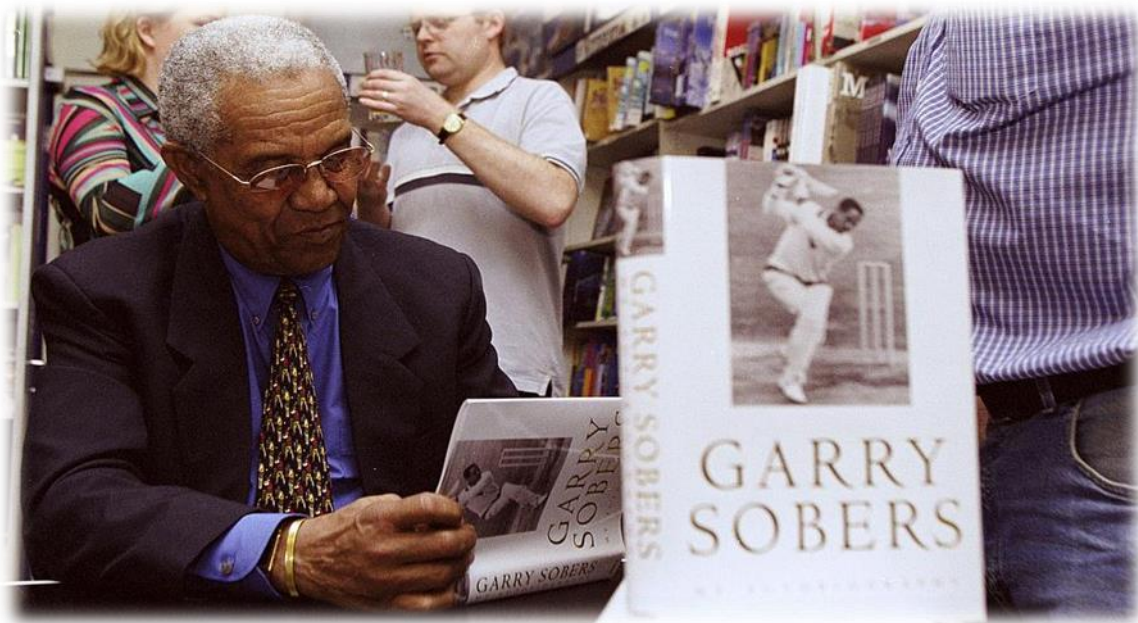


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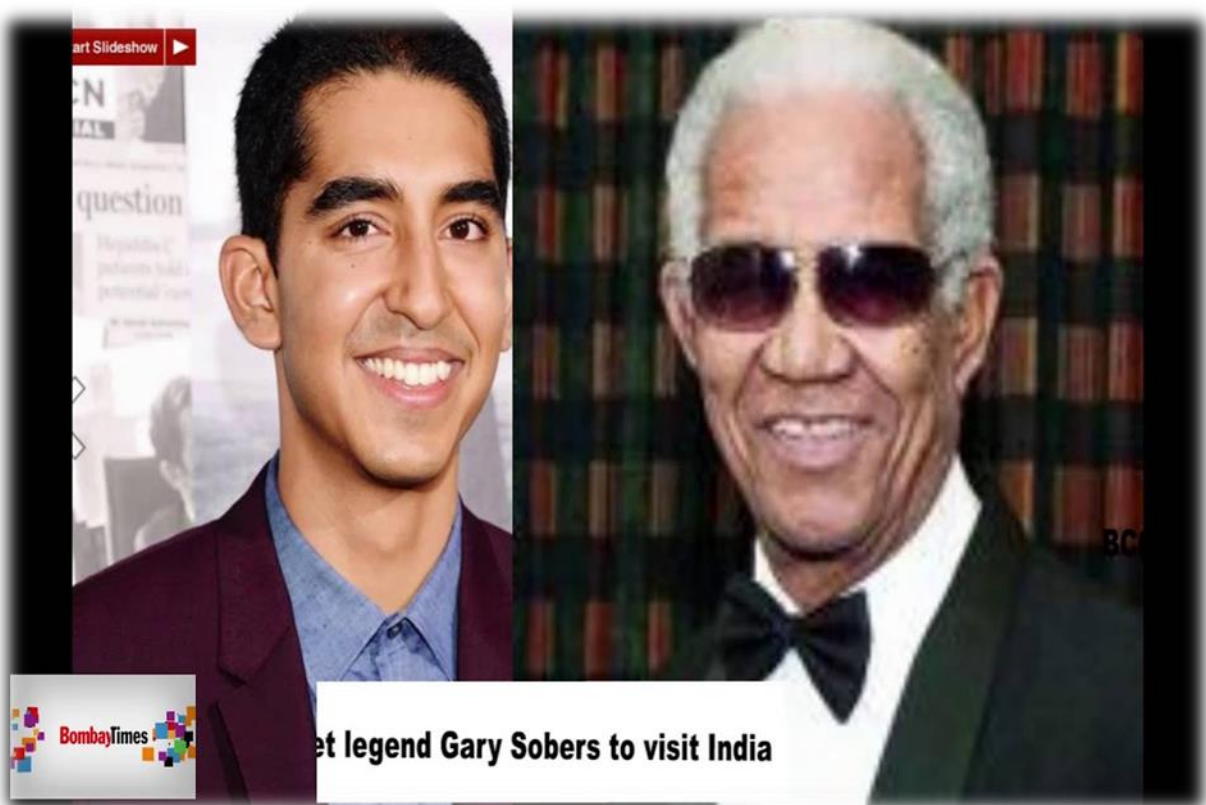
Tollywood Legendary Actor Sr NTR with West Indies Icon Cricket Player Sir Garry Sobers.



The Right Excellent Sir Garfield Sobers on the occasion of the launch of his new endeavour, the Sir Garry Sobers Foundation, dedicated to supporting young and under privileged cricketers.



Sir Garry Sobers signs copies of his autobiography.



Former West Indies cricketer Sir Garfield (Gary) Sobers, one of the finest all-rounders, is slated to visit India. He will unveil Dev Patel's upcoming Hollywood film, in which the actor essays the role of renowned Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, at a film festival in Goa this week.

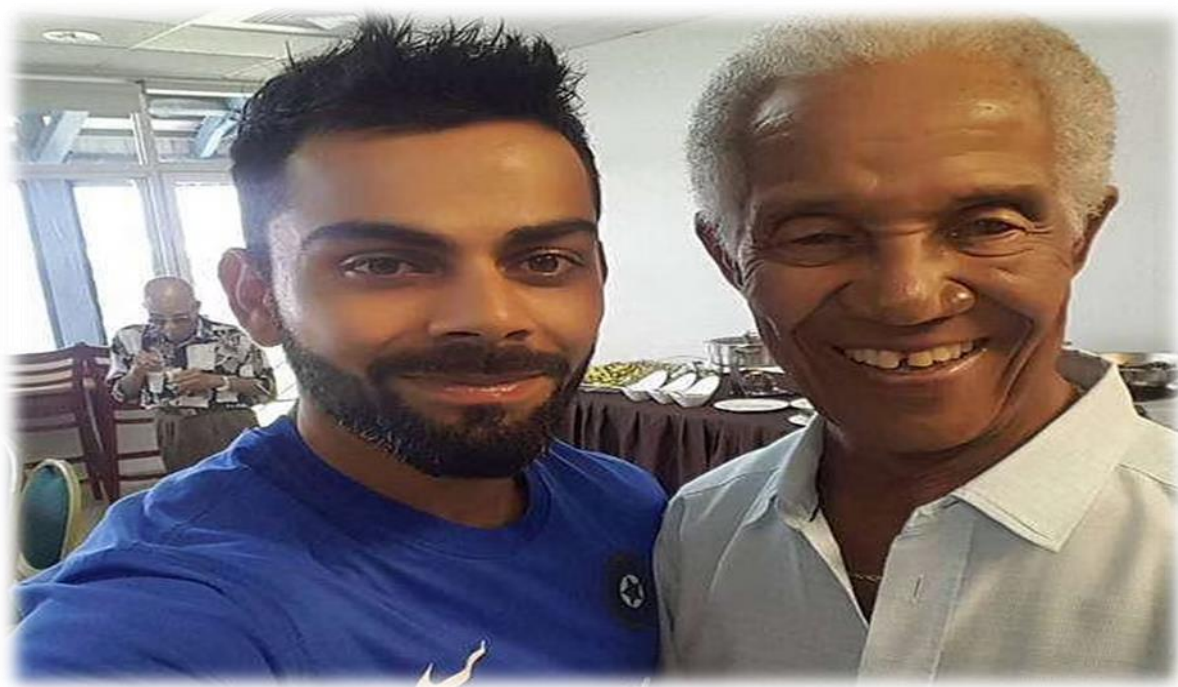


Sachin Tendulkar, centre, holds an autographed bat presented to him, as former West Indies cricketer Gary Sobers, left, and former Indian cricketer Ajit Wadekar watch, during an event in Mumbai.



His multiple Picture

Sir Garfield St Aubrun Sobers, AO, OCC, also known as Gary or Garry Sobers, is a former cricketer who played for the West Indies between 1954 and 1974.



Virat Kohli savours meeting with Gary Sobers and other West Indian legends.



Beautiful Barbados - Happy Birthday Sir Garfield Sobers. Today, Cricket Legend and National Hero of Barbados, Sir Garfield celebrates his 77th birthday.



BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS - MARCH 19: Prince Charles, Prince of Wales speaks with West Indies' cricket legend Garfield Sobers during a reception at the Prime Minister's residence during their Caribbean tour on March 19, 2019 in Bridgetown, Barbados. The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall are visiting a number countries as part of their Caribbean Tour, including a historic visit to Cuba.

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